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In re application of:

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EXCHANGEABLE BALLOON

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In further response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 17, 2003, and to the subsequent Communication mailed on August 27, 2003, Applicants respectfully change the initial designation of species to be directed at species C. As discussed with Examiner Thaler on November 7, 2003, species C is generally directed at those embodiments which include an axial slit passage in the catheter body.

As further discussed with the Examiner, Applicants have examined each of the pending claims and compared them with the embodiments of Figs. 5A, 5B, and 13A to identify the following claims as reading on the elected species: Claims 1, 3-9, 11-13, 15-19, 22-25, and 37.

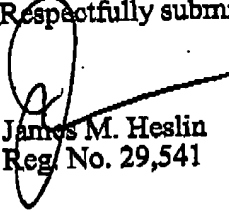
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Supplemental Response dated Nov. 14, 2003

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400.

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